

No. 1170

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the two Governments regarding the status of United States personnel, as defined in the Embassy's Note No. 834, dated July 3, 2001, and the Ministry's Note DM No. 0301/2001, dated July 10, 2001, who may be temporarily present in Panama in connection with a visit by forty-five officials from the United States Army, who will be in uniform, as authorized. The officials will stay in Panama during August 3-31, 2009. The purpose of the visit is to conduct Medical Readiness Training. The Panamanian counterpart is Dr. Jorge del Rosario, Regional Director at the Ministry of Health, Panama West.

The exercise will take place in the Darien Province, Republic of Panama.

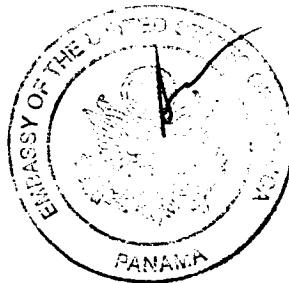
well as exemption from inspection and taxation of products, services, property, materials, equipment, vehicles, vessels, and aircraft introduced and/or imported into, acquired in or exported from Panama by or on behalf of the U.S. Government or its personnel, in connection with their mission in Panama; except that United States personnel shall not be exempt from Panamanian taxes on items purchased in Panama for their personal use.

The two Governments shall cooperate in taking the necessary steps to ensure the security of United States personnel and property in Panama.

Vehicles, vessels, and aircraft owned or operated by or for United States Armed Forces shall not be subject to payment of landing or port fees, pilotage charges, navigation, overflight or parking charges or lighterage or harbor dues while in Panama, except for the charges related to the normal transit of the Panama Canal, previously agreed to; the United States Armed Forces shall pay reasonable charges for services requested and received.

It shall be the responsibility of United States personnel to respect the laws of Panama and to abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit of their mission. Authorities of the Government of the United States shall take the necessary steps to that end.

The Embassy of the United States of America proposes that this note and the Ministry's reply thereto shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments on this subject and that its provisions shall be in effect as of the date of the Ministry's reply.



Embassy of the United States of America,
Panama, July 28, 2009.

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**Republic of Panama
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Panama City 4, Panama**

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Panama, August 4, 2009

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of its note verbale No. 1170 of July 28, 2009, which reads as follows:

[See U.S. text]

In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the above proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Panama and that the Embassy's note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

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